

BIOSOLIDS COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION:			Date: February 8, 2006				
County: Bedford		Contractor/Municipality: Synagro ,VDHBUR 30					
Name (Owner/Operator): R. Wilkerson							
Investigated by: John Schofield							
Field #:			Acres:				
Source of complaint: from Cal Sawyer: Shannon Brennan: Lynchburg News and Advance			Date and time of complaint: 2/7/06 11:00 a.m.				
Description of complaint: storage pad runoff to creek; truck traffic							
Person interviewed: David Cheatham – Synagro			Others present: Separate interview:Complainants.				
FIELD DATA/OBSERVATIONS:			Time: 9:00 a.m.				
Weather: cold and clear			Soil conditions: dry				
Biosolids source: Middlesex N.J.			Biosolids type: lime stabilized				
Soil pH:			Solids content of biosolids (%): 28%				
Application rate: NA							
Crop and expected yield: NA							
Load to date (WT):							
Biosolids applied:		<input type="checkbox"/> Liquid		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dewatered			
Mode of application:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface		<input type="checkbox"/> Surface w/incorporation. <input type="checkbox"/> Injection			
Application limited by:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen		<input type="checkbox"/> pH			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Max. hydraulic loading (liquid biosolids)					
		<input type="checkbox"/> Max. solids loading (15 dry tons/acre)					
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):					
FIELD OBSERVATIONS					<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Buffers observed:							
Uniform application:							
Proper field records:							
Signs of runoff:							
Trucks non-spill/watertight:							
Condition of haul route satisfactory:							
Odors present:		<input type="checkbox"/> None		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal		<input type="checkbox"/> Above normal*	
If yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia	<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfides	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic	<input type="checkbox"/> Lime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other- strong musk odor		
Overall condition of site:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

COMMENTS:

Cal Sawyer called to forward a complaint to Mr. Schofield, Western Area Engineer and also a newspaper reporter, Shannon Brennan, alleged having photographs of biosolids runoff to a creek from the storage pad on the Rickie Wilkerson farm. Mr. Schofield called the complainant to get their input and observations. Mr. Schofield then called David Cheatham, the Synagro field manager, to arrange a site visit. Mr. Schofield did not deal directly with Ms. Brennan as Kelly Lobanov, VDH Public Relations, arranged for a meeting at the Sedalia store at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Cheatham and Mr. Schofield visited the storage pad about 8 AM and it was in good condition and approximately 1/3 to 1/2 full. They walked down gradient looking for evidence of biosolids having breached the facility and entering the creek. There were no signs of any biosolids material having migrated from the pad. There was some sloughing of the berm material and there was a small runoff channel that exhibited clay soil from the berm that had traveled toward the creek but not having reached or entered the actual stream, which is believed to be a tributary to Otterville Creek. Mr. Schofield suggested that Synagro employ the typical erosion and sediment control measures that would be done for other land disturbances such as building construction.

When Mr. Schofield returned to the Sedalia Store the clerk informed him that Ms. Brennan would not be meeting with him, as the landowner, Mr. Wilkerson, had denied her access to his property.

Mr. Schofield then visited the complainant and discussed the biosolids program and the Synagro storage pad on the Wilkerson property.

The pad is about 5/8 mile from the complainants home, which has a commanding view and the Wilkerson site is visible from their dining room table. Iroquois Trail is directly across from their driveway and there are a great number of tractor trailers servicing the pad when it is not possible to spread biosolids on the fields. The County Office responsible for erosion and sediment control was contacted and a site inspection to verify compliance with County requirements was requested.

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